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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Specification

In the Specification at page 9, beginning at line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

-- A guiding aid for an instrument to be advanced within a vascular system, particularly the human vascular system, comprising a flexible shapeable shaft comprising a first bent section having a first curvature (K_1) and at least one further bent section, wherein said bent sections of said shaft have the same sign of curvature and are located substantially within the same plane.

Such a guiding aid may be pre-formed by the manufacturer such that the guiding aid may be

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